

RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
Shelter Cove Sewer and Other Facilities Maintenance District No. 1

POLICY TITLE: **Crime Prevention Reward Program**

POLICY NUMBER: **1060**

Vandalism and thefts of property and/or services cost the RID thousands of dollars (if not more) every year. In effect, this deprives the community of resources which could be used for productive and/or enhancement projects to help improve our community. The sporadic nature of law enforcement in Shelter Cove requires that members of the community do what they can to assist in stopping these incidents, and the intent of this program is to assist law enforcement officials in bringing to justice the responsible perpetrators. Reporting them is the first step, as such, the Reward Program will be an instrument to incentivize members of the community to report these crimes and provide sufficient information to lead to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

1060.1 The Resort Improvement District is creating this policy of a Reward Program to establish the procedures which provides for cash rewards to citizens who report crimes involving the destruction and/or theft of RID property, and in some cases determined by the Board of Directors, where destruction of privately owned property is so onerous that there is broad compulsion to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

1060.2 The isolated nature of Shelter Cove inhibits the routine patrol of the community by law enforcement officials, and this creates an atmosphere of lawlessness in Shelter Cove. This atmosphere leads to the commission of offenses, especially those involving theft and/or vandalism of RID property, as perpetrators believe they can act with impunity. As a result, many of these crimes, although reported, cannot be resolved as there is a lack of information for law enforcement to pursue resolution.

1060.3 Information provided by a citizen must be timely, relevant, and sufficient in nature to lead law enforcement authorities to arrest, prosecute, and convict an individual of the reported crime.

1060.4 The dollar amount of the reward shall be established by the Board at the time it is determined that the crime warrants a reward to be offered. Generally, the reward will start at \$250.00, but it may escalate to higher amounts determined by the Board and based upon the severity and/or impact of the crime.

- 1060.5** At the time the Board establishes a reward for a particular incident, RID staff will contact other agencies to determine if a matching fund is available to increase the amount of the award.
- 1060.6** Notices announcing the reward for a specific incident will be posted around the community in well-traveled public places and the announcement will also be included in the RID monthly newsletter. Other media resources will be considered for use should the offense be of a nature requiring broader dissemination.
- 1060.7** Employees of the RID staff are not eligible to receive a reward under this policy.